

## Minutes

Middle District Baptist Association  
**Quarterly Business Meeting, April 26, 2011**  
Tomahawk Baptist Church

### Welcome and Call to Order

Moderator, Rev. Doug Watson called the meeting to order at 7:00 with a prayer by Rev. Dennis Tucker.

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes from October 19, 2010 and January 18, 2011 were approved as printed.

### Business and Reports

**WMU** report was noted as attached (and available upon request).

Reporting for the **Nominating Committee**, Bill Vickers informed the Association of the nominees to be presented to the Virginia Baptist Mission Board: Dr. Michael King, Chester Baptist and Amber Hudler, Ironbridge Baptist.

Rev. Ken Williams, chair of the **Finance Committee**, gave the financial overview (Overview available upon request)

Doug Watson reported on his and Rick Graves interest in helping connect people and churches in MDBA to work together and for fellowship. Chesterfield, Skinquarter and Stockton Memorial held an Easter Sunrise Service together.

Steve Vaughan gave an update on the Ministry House. Application process is being fine tuned and should be ready soon to be put on the website, sent to pastors and church leaders and ultimately to serious applicants. Churches will be updated on construction schedule as soon as all permits are approved with Powhatan County. Volunteers will be needed and some have already asked to help such as construction supervisor, Cliff Hardy and Wendy Norwood, admin coordinator. Steve also invited everyone to attend a National Day of Prayer breakfast at Second Branch on May 5.

Jim Hamacher, on behalf on Leadership Committee, presented by-law edits to be approved that were previously presented at October 2010 and January 2011 meetings. Approved (edits are available upon request)

### Executive Reports

Brenda Green, Executive Administrator, reported on Local Mission Offering emphasis, May 15-22; new website for MDBA is up and running, [www.mdba.org](http://www.mdba.org). Training opportunity is available from Jeff Cranford for anyone interested in learning more about issues relating to retirement, taxes, insurance and financial support. Minister's Luncheon for May brings Scott Gilchrist from Chesterfield Social Services to talk about Disciplining Children in Today's Church. Leadership Summit is August 11-12 and MDBA is trying to get a group of 10+ to attend. MDBA has a FaceBook page and she encouraged everyone to sign up to use for outreach and communication tool. MDBA will host Impact VA in June 2012. Disaster Relief with VA Baptists is looking for volunteers to help with tornado damaged areas and encouragement was given to contact VBMB if they can help.

Jim Hamacher, Executive Director, reported on the Shockoe Bottom property that Dover Association is assuming ownership and financial responsibility from MDBA and the other partners. The Leadership Committee is working on document for churches that request membership into MDBA. He announced that he will be an official consultant for Transformational Churches after training in June. Maurice Graham, with Shepherd's Staff, has a "Pastors' Intelligence" Survey that helps search committees find a pastor who would be a good match for the church's mission and values.

VBMB has started another partnership with Panama and MDBA is exploring the possibility of adopting a people group in the San Blas Islands. Central Virginia Baptist Ministries is asking for a minister to be on their Coordinating Team and asked for volunteers.

He asked for future input on the possibility and wisdom of having three business meetings a year instead of four.

Jim thanked everyone for their prayers on behalf of his grandson, Caleb and to Brenda, Administrator, for her years of service, as well as the privilege of leading MDBA.

**Closing Prayer**

Doug Watson

**Next Quarterly Business Meeting** July 19, 7:00 pm, Tomahawk Baptist Church

**Future Meeting Dates:**

July 19, 2011, Tomahawk, 7:00 pm

October 16, 2011, Mt. Hermon, 4:30 pm (prior to Annual Meeting)

**Middle District exists to connect, mobilize, start and strengthen churches to reach their communities and beyond with the transforming love of Jesus.**